## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

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| Satamatics, Inc. | ) | File No. SES-STA-20061221-02209 (E020074) |
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## **JOINT RESPONSE**

Satamatics, Inc. ("Satamatics") and Inmarsat Ventures Limited ("Inmarsat") respond to the comments of Mobile Satellite Ventures LLC ("MSV") on the request of Satamatics for special temporary authority ("STA") to continue provision of longstanding Inmarsat services using the Inmarsat-4 satellite at 53° W.L. ("I-4"). Satamatics requests this STA only because of a recent ownership change, and does not seek to alter its operations in any way pursuant to this application.

MSV does not oppose grant of STA, nor does it claim that the transition of longstanding services from an earlier generation Inmarsat spacecraft to I-4 has adversely affected the interference environment. Indeed, by all accounts, Satamatics has fully complied with the conditions of its STA, including the requirement that it operate on a non-harmful interference basis. Thus, there is no reason that Commission should not grant Satamatics an STA to provide Inmarsat services pursuant to the terms on which Satamatics has been providing these services while its underlying application for "full" authority remains pending.

Nevertheless, MSV suggests that the Commission modify the conditions applicable to Satamatics's STA to: (1) exclude from the STA renewals certain frequency bands that are the subject of an international dispute between Inmarsat and MSV ("Disputed Spectrum"); and (2) "establish a firm expiration date for these STAs" if Inmarsat and MSV have

not entered a new international spectrum coordination agreement.<sup>1</sup> Satamatics and Inmarsat already have fully responded to these suggestions of MSV on multiple occasions, including, but not limited to: (i) in earlier STA proceedings;<sup>2</sup> and (ii) in joint pleadings<sup>3</sup> opposing requests by MSV to exclude the Disputed Spectrum from existing authorizations and to impose conditions in granting pending applications.<sup>4</sup> Because these issues have been fully briefed, and in the interest of conserving Commission resources, Satamatics and Inmarsat incorporate their earlier pleadings by reference for inclusion in the record here.

MSV also requests that the Commission terminate Satamatics' existing STA when it is substituted with this replacement STA. Satamatics does not object to this request.

See, e.g., Joint Reply, File Nos. SES-STA-20060710-01131 et al. (Aug. 1, 2006); Reply of Inmarsat Ventures Limited, File Nos. SES-STA-20060511-00788 et al. (May 31, 2006); Joint Opposition of Satamatics, SkyWave and Stratos, SES-STA-20060511-00790 et al. (May 31, 2006).

Joint Letter from Satamatics, Inmarsat *et al.* to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, Call Signs E010011 *et al.* (Jul. 6, 2006) (responding to MSV's letter request that the Commission exclude certain frequency bands from existing authorizations to provide Inmarsat services); Joint Letter from Satamatics, Inmarsat *et al.* to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, File Nos. SES-MFS-20051122-01614 et al. (Jul. 6, 2006) (responding to MSV's request to add three conditions to pending applications to communicate with I-4).

See also Opposition of Inmarsat, File No. SES-MFS-20060118-00050, et al. (Mar. 16, 2006) (responding to MSV's Petition to Hold in Abeyance Telenor Satellite Inc.'s application to provide non-BGAN Inmarsat service over I-4).

For these reasons, Satamatics and Inmarsat urge the Bureau to grant the requested STA subject only to the conditions pursuant to which Satamatics currently provides Inmarsat services.

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